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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WARC - US/USSR TALKS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 20941

1. VISAS HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED AS OF COB AUGUST 31.
HOWEVER SOVIET CONSULATE OFFICER HAS ASSURED
DEPARTMENT OFFICER SHRUM THAT VISAS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TEAM MEMBERS AFTER 9:00 AM
(WASHINGTON), SEPTEMBER 1.

2. CONSULATE ADVISES THAT IT HAD NOT RECEIVED NECESSARY

CONFIRMATION AS OF NOON AUGUST 31. THEREFORE VISAS WILL
BE GRANTED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX DAYS, WHICH IS EVIDENTLY
POSSIBLE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION FROM MINISTRY OF
COMMUNICATIONS. SHRUM WILL BE PRESENT AT CONSULATE WHEN IT
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OPENS SEPTEMBER 1 IN HOPES OF PICKING UP VISAS, OR
RESOLVING PROBLEM AS RECOMMENDED IN PARAGRAPH 3 REFTTEL.

3. IN EVENT VISAS ARE NOT ISSUED AS ANTICIPATED, ALTER-
NATIVES FOR WARC TEAM IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

A. ENTIRE TEAM PROCEED TO MOSCOW AS SCHEDULED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT VISAS FOR FIVE TEAM MEMBERS AND MRS. PROBST WOULD BE ISSUED UPON ARRIVAL;

B. TEAM PROCEEDS TO FRANKFURT ON UNDERSTANDING THAT VISAS COULD BE ISSUED BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4 AT THE LATEST;

C. THREE-MAN TEAM (ROBINSON, SHRUM AND ANDERSON) PROCEED TO MOSCOW AS PLANNED. IF OTHER FIVE MEMBERS MUST WAIT IN WASHINGTON UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING (NOTING MONDAY HOLIDAY) TO OBTAIN VISAS, IT WILL NOT BE WORTHWHILE FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE ONLY IN LAST DAY OF TALKS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT ON ALTERNATIVES IS REQUESTED. IT APPEARS VERY LIKELY THAT VISAS WILL BE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 1, AND THAT PRESENT PROBLEMS ARE MERELY RESULT OF A LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MINISTRY AND THEIR WASHINGTON CONSULATE. A REPLY BY 10:00 (WASHINGTON) SEPTEMBER 1 IS REQUIRED. VANCE

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